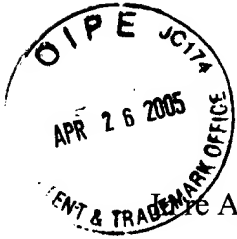


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SECOND REQUEST FOR CORRECTED NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND FEE(S) DUE

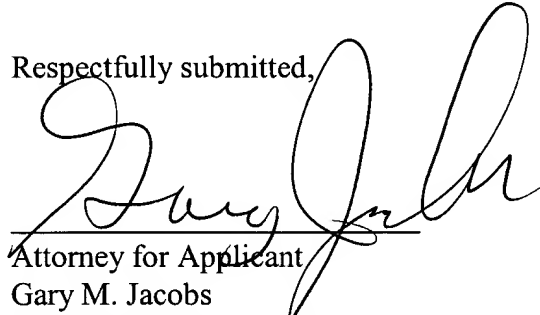
Sir:

The Notice of Allowance has omitted the last word of title of the invention, which is "DEVICE". Accordingly, Applicants filed a request for issuance of a corrected Notice of Allowance on April 1, 2005, that would include this omitted word in the title, so that the title reads --NON-INVASIVE ENVIRONMENT HISTORY INDICATOR FOR REUSABLE DEVICE--, in accordance with the title amendment on page 1 of the July 8, 2001 Amendment. However, Applicant has not yet received a corrected Notice of Allowance.

Therefore, in conjunction with paying the issue fee, Applicant again request issuance of a corrected Notice of Allowance to correctly reflect the title of the invention.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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Comment on Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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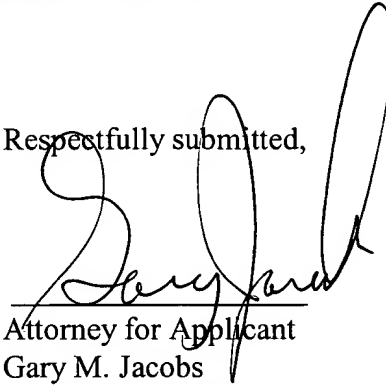
Page 3 of the Statement of Reasons for Allowance that accompanied the March 16, 2005 Notice of Allowance states, with reference to claim 23, "the prior art of record does not disclose or clearly suggest an optical apparatus including a lens unit which is recoverable and reusable after use, said apparatus further comprising, a deterioration indicator member and the deterioration-resisting power of said deterioration indicator member that deteriorates over time due to the environment is used being less than or equal to the deterioration-resisting power of said lens unit, in combination with the remaining limitations in the claims".

But Claim 23 does not recite a “lens unit”. Nor does Claim 23 recite a “deterioration indicator member that deteriorates over time due to the environment is used”. Rather, Claim 23 relates to an optical apparatus comprising a unit which is recoverable and reusable after use and a deterioration indicator member, such that the deterioration-resisting power of the deterioration indicator member that deteriorates over time due to the environment in which the apparatus is used is less than or equal to the deterioration-resisting power of the unit. Nevertheless, it is allowable for the unique combination of features recited therein.

In addition, independent Claims 13 and 19, 20, and 22 also do not recite a “deterioration indicator member that deteriorates over time due to the environment is used”. Rather, these claims recite a deterioration indicator member that deteriorates over time due to the environment in which the apparatus is used. Nevertheless, they are allowable for the unique combination of features recited therein.

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